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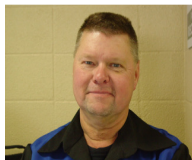


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The Prez Sez...

Were and how do I expand my turning skills?

Video's / DVD's/ internet/ symposiums/Club demo's are all good methods, but the most available and the most overlooked are other members in CRW.

Look at the instant gallery each month. So many members have so much to offer. The club cannot cover all your questions once a month - we try. Oh- so long ago when I was getting started, I spent Tue evenings at Duane's shop/house. I think his wife was getting a little tired of my truck in the front of her house. I still occasionally bug a fellow member on some subject or other and I am always rewarded with understanding and humor for my lack of understanding. When you realize that help is out there for the cost of a little gas, why put up with the frustration and aggravation of trying it over and over again and getting nowhere. Most of us face this dilemma from time to time as we expand our turning experience.

Congratulations to Duane and Jim for the coring demo. No one died- not even a little blood - and Duane even managed to show us how to separate a blank from its tenon.

Several members have had questions about the up and coming June challenge. The challenge, 3 small pieces, is nothing more than the opportunity to get out of your box. There are no plans or pictures, they should come from your head. Bottle stoppers, pens, salt & pepper shakers, eggs, carrots other vegs? The number of choices is endless. If you want to create a non-functional item, great, as long as it has some turning involved you are in business. The small pieces mean that any size lathe will work and everyone has a tool or two or three or more that can be used. Glue works, as well as cutting, shaping, burning and coloring are all opportunities. Have fun, relax and it will all happen.

The treasury is in the \$3500 range, that's good news, and with that in mind, the club will be replacing worn live and drive centers for the mini lathes. Also more importantly to many, a broken coffee pot is being replaced. The emotional loss of having to have a donut without coffee is too much to bear.

The club logging trip to Coon Valley was a great success. Wood will be available at the June meeting and beyond. We thank those who took the time and effort to help.

The June tool raffle will be three tools for encapsulated ring work. Pictures to follow.

Demo for May is Brent English of Robust Lathes. He is bringing two lathes, a sweet 16 and the new sit down lathe. Also will be a selection of his lathe related items, tool rests and such. The discussion subject will be lathe maintenance, chucks and etc.

It is time again to ask - How are we doing? A questionnaire will be handed out next meeting with 2 questions. 1) How can we improve our meeting and demo topics? (Extra donuts is not an answer) 2) It is time to think about a professional turner for next year - we need to schedule well in advance of date.

Please list turners that interest you and/ or topics.

See you Sat. keep those donuts coming.

Clyde

Woodcutting Adventure at Lee Sage's

Tuesday April 24th, 2012 the following (See Below) met with Jim Frank to go to Lee Sage's Farm East of Coon Valley to cut wood for the members of CRW. We met at 9:30 am and proceeded to Lee's farm. Using Lee's tractor and trailer, we drove to the wood lot and choose the following trees to cut: Cherry, oak, Hickory, Maple and some other species. We had 3 teams of two each working with 3 chain saws. After cutting + 100 varying diameter pieces of wood, we anchor sealed the ends. Due to the weight, 1/2 of the wood we cut will be available for the June CRW meeting. Lee was not able to attend the April meeting so we postponed bringing the wood for a month. 1/2 of the trailer of wood is still at Lee's cabin for later club purchase. The cost to the members will be \$3.00 for one piece and \$5.00 for two.

After we finished cutting, we had a very nice lunch consisting of Bar-B-Ques, Chips, Brownies and fruit. We thank Lee's wife for making the Bar-B-Ques for us and Lee and Jim for donating the remaining food and drinks.

Attending: Lee Sage, Jim Frank, Jerry Molner, Jay Johnson, Lee Goehring, Dennis Racki, and Terry Angst.

We thank these members who were free to cut wood for the benefit of CRW.



April Meeting: Coring with Jim and Duane



More News you Outta Know About

Calendar Events

May 19th Brent English of Robust Mfg Tool demo and sale
June 16th Rob Nelson Multi-Axis Turning
July 21st Wendell Ziegler Small turnings and peppermills + Sage wood sale
August 18 Shorty's Cabin—Colin Kenow
August 25 and 26 Great River Folk Fest at UW-La Crosse

Member Bob Patros is looking for projects for a display in June. See below:

Dear Artisans,

I am planning another display of our work at the GL-Onalaska Clinic. The timeframe of the display is June 11 through the end of July. I will need your pieces by the May meeting, or you can drop off at my home.

All members will be able to display a piece or two. As there may be more turnings than capacity, I will select if you bring more than one piece. All turning are accepted, as there is no theme. It would be good to have variety, ie: bowls, vessels, platters, pens, etc. The only requirement is that the piece has turning involved. All pieces should be boxed and labeled. I accept NO responsibility if pieces are lost or damaged. Having said that, I will treat your work like my own.

The CRW goblet display last year was a great success, and very much appreciated by the community. People are amazed by the work you do. A display gives them the opportunity to learn and enjoy the beauty of a turned piece. It also gives you the opportunity to show your work. I encourage you to bring 1 or 2 pieces to the May meeting for the display in June. Also, you can drop them off at my home if that is more convenient. Please box and label each item.

I hope you will participate. I hope to fill the display case with a variety of pieces.

Thanks,

Bob Patros

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April Instant Gallery



More Instant Gallery Highlights!



Notes From Your Editor

Thanks very much to Jim Frank and Duane Hill for the display of bravery required for the explanation and demonstration of several coring systems! I have never tried coring, but you guys make it look easy. I may have to try one or the other before I take the plunge and buy one for myself. Clyde's thoughts this month on the club being a great resource are right on. Other members may already have experience with a problem you are having, and many are more than willing to share that experience with you. We have an amazing watershed of knowledge—just ask. You can also consult the list of club mentors found in this newsletter. Another great resource is our club library. Any of the many books, journals, DVDs and videos are available for checkout to any current member. Just remember to return them so someone else can enjoy them.



Tool Raffle Starts this month!

Below is a photo of three new tools to be raffled by the club. You can start purchasing tickets at the May meeting for the drawing to be held later. If you recall, Dennis Snider went home with some nice scrapers from the last raffle. This time, the tools are captive ring tools and a beading tool.

Purchase all the tickets you like at the meeting, but hold on to your stubs!



Michael Mocho Demonstration

Duane Hill

Jim Frank and I went up to Minneapolis to watch an all day demo put on by Michael Mocho. The demo was sponsored by the Minnesota Woodturners. The demo was well attended, with approximately 50 people there.

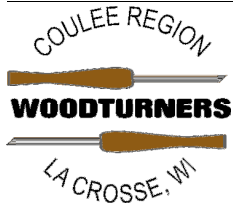
Michael Mocho is from Albuquerque, New Mexico. He specializes in small items, especially decorating these items. He uses chatter work, spirals and abrasive shaping to decorate his pieces. He also does a lot with the skew and thread chasing. Check out his website at www.mmocho.com to see some of his work.

Michael started off the demo showing some skew work and then turning a three part top. He drilled the body out and then turned a slender spindle and tip. The spindle and tip were turned with a tenon to fit the drilled hole. He showed a technique of how to fit the tenon without doing any measurements. He used a metal drill sizing gage to help size and cut the tenons. While turning the body, he decorated it with some chatter work. Michael does not use a chatter tool to do his chatter work. Instead he uses either a small skew or detail gouge. He backs the tool rest away from the piece, lowers the rest below center and uses the lathe speed to help control the chatter. This type of chatter works best on the end grain of hard wood. He was using hard maple for all of his turnings in the demo.



During the demo, Michael showed how to do chatter work with a skew and spindle gouge; how to do spirals with the Sorby Spiraling Tool; thread chasing on hard maple with a special “solution” and making a box with a spiraled inlay set into the bottom.

All in all, the demo was very informative and interesting. I would recommend going to see Michael if you get the chance. The box of small items could also act as an inspiration for the small walnut challenge coming up in June.



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"A Turn For the Better"



**Next Meeting
Onalaska Community
Center Saturday,
May 19, 2012 at 9 am.**

Here's a map to help those who aren't sure where we meet. It's the Onalaska Community Center at the intersections of Quincy & 6th Ave North in Onalaska, Wisconsin. 608-783-9290

We'll start the program promptly at 9am, so get there early to avoid getting a Uecker Seat.

We'll have coffee, so
Chocolate donuts are
ALWAYS
Welcomed.

